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Both references were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in connection with its examination of the priority application 2003-054729. According to the JPO, the reference JP 03-002950 U describes a ratchet-type tensioner in which the ratchet is made by sintering.

An abstract is included for JP 01-240637.

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